

WASHINGTON STATE

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS OFFICER

MONTHLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2006

CATEGORY	FEB 2006	FEB 2005	YTD 06	YTD 05
CSEPP INCIDENTS	7	10	9	16
DOE INCIDENTS	0	0	1	1
FIRE	17	15	24	19
HAZMAT	173	158	371	350
OTHER	31	24	52	45
911 OUTAGES	2	4	4	7
SAR	54	35	106	78
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
WEATHER	5	1	9	5
CGS INCIDENTS	0	1	0	1
ESAR (NOT INCL IN TOTAL)	(2)	(3)	(6)	(4)
TOTAL	289	248	576	522

LEGEND

CSEPP	Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
DOE	Department of Energy, Hanford Site
SAR	Search and Rescue Missions
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials Incidents
WEATHER	Weather Incidents (throughout state, i.e., Flood, High Winds, and Snow)
CGS	Columbia Generating Station
FIRE	Forest Fire Incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, i.e., Tsunami, Earthquake, Critical Incident Stress Debriefings, Bomb Threat, etc...
911	911 Service Outages

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On February 1, the severe weather event that began on January 27th continued. As the month began a Winter Storm Warning was in effect for Whatcom, Snohomish, Skagit, King, Pierce, Lewis and Skamania Counties, a Coastal Flood Warning was in effect for Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties, a Flood Warning was in effect for the Skokomish River in Mason County and a High Wind Warning

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was in effect for the entire state. The storm continued to impact the state with rain, wind and heavy snow in the higher elevations until February 5th when the fronts moved through the area. As a result of the storm, Whatcom County issued a proclamation of emergency for property damages. Whatcom, Kitsap, Pacific and Lewis County Emergency Management Emergency Operations Centers were activated to monitor the situation within each respective county. During the windstorm, over 140,000 customers lost power, with power being restored to most customers by Sunday, February 5th.

- On February 4, Grays Harbor County opened a search for a missing 10 year old boy in the northern Hoquiam city area. Additional ground search personnel and dogs from Mason, Pacific, Thurston, Pierce, Cowlitz and Lewis counties assisted in the search. The boy was located the next day in good condition.
- On February 6, the National Weather Service issued a High Wind Watch which very quickly became a High Wind Warning for the South Washington Coast and Columbia Gorge area. Up to 75 MPH winds were expected in some locations as this fast moving storm front approached Washington State. The Warning expired late on February 10th as the storm moved out of the area.
- On February 6, Clark County commenced a Search for a missing adult male in the Mt Norway area. Skamania County provided air scent and cadaver dogs for the search. As of this report, the mission remains open.
- On February 8, Washington State Department of Transportation, Aviation Division commenced a search for a possible crashed aircraft near the Pacific/Lewis County boarder. United States Coast Guard helicopter was utilized in the search. Nothing was found and the search so the was suspended.
- On February 9, Snohomish County commenced a Search for a missing 76 year old Alzheimer patient. King County assisted with additional ground search personnel. Subject was located later that day in good condition.
- On February 10, Snohomish County commenced a recovery operation for a climber who fell over a 500 foot vertical cliff near Mount Baker. High angle technical rescue personnel from Whatcom, Skagit and King Counties assisted in the effort.

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- On February 15, the National Weather Service Seattle issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters of western Washington followed by a High Wind Watch for most of the counties in western Washington. The Gale Warning and High Wind Watch were terminated on February 17.
- On February 17, Kitsap County commenced a search for a lost 70 year old male who had become separated from his hiking group. Additional ground search personnel and dogs teams from Pierce County and a helicopter from Snohomish County was en route to assist when the individual walked out on his own
- On February 19, Mason County commenced a rescue for a man on Hamma Hamma Trail with a heart condition. Additional ground search personnel from Pierce County, Jefferson and Grays Harbor Counties assisted in the search. The individual was located during the early morning hours of February 20 and taken to a local area hospital for treatment
- On February 19, Snohomish County commenced a search for a missing male climber in the area of Mount Dickerman in Eastern Snohomish County. Technical mountain rescue personnel from Pierce, Skagit, King, Kitsap and Whatcom counties assisted in the search. The missing male climber was located deceased the following day.
- On February 21, Snohomish County commenced a search for a missing female in the Sultan Basin area. Additional ground search personnel and dogs from Pierce, King and Skagit counties assisted in the search. The missing subject was found deceased later that same day.
- On February 21, Skamania County commenced a search for 2 adults and a child missing in the Mount Saint Helens area. Clark County assisted with ground and snowmobile mounted personnel. The family was located later that day in good condition.
- On February 22, Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division opened a search for a missing Cessna 182, which disappeared from radar in the vicinity of Satis Pass near Goldendale. Additional ground resources from Klickitat and Yakima Counties assisted Klickitat County and DOT Aviation. The plane was located early on February 23. Both occupants were deceased at the scene.

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- On February 23, as a new series of storms approached Washington State, the National Weather Service issued a Heavy Snow Warning for the North and Central Cascade Mountains with the expectation of 8 to 14 inches of new snow by early evening. On February 25, the National Warning Service issued a Winter Storm Watch for Whatcom, Skagit and Snohomish Counties. Heavy snow was expected above 2000 mainly in the foothills through Monday morning. On February 26, National Weather Service issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters of Puget Sound. On February 27, National Weather Service issued a High Wind Warning for Clallam, Jefferson and Island Counties with recorded winds at 55 mph and gusts to 75 mph. Some power outages were reported in Clallam and Jefferson Counties and there were no reports of injuries due to the storm system. The incident was closed on February 27.
- On February 26, Pierce County opened a Search and Rescue mission for two missing people who had gone out in a 4x4 in the Greenwater area and had failed to return. Guardian One from King County was utilized, in addition to ground searchers from Pierce County. Subjects were found in good condition at 0900 hours on February 26.
- For the month of February 2006 the SEOO's:
 - Issued 118 warnings to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Issued 31 warnings to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Conducted 702 notifications to state agency liaisons for imminent or occurring emergencies
 - Coordinated 30 resources for search, rescue, recovery and response operations
 - Participated in 30 exercises of which 28 were vessel spill drills
 - Made 1043 and answered 1348 telephone calls
 - Conducted 1706 National Warning System Tests, conducted 236 Comprehensive Emergency Management Network (CEMNET) radio tests. (connects all counties and many cities via Zetron Radio Console)
 - Conducted 51 dedicated line tests with the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)

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- Conducted 8 dedicated line tests with the Department of Energy, Hanford Site (DOE)
- Conducted 13 dedicated line tests with the Columbia Generating Station (CGS)